



## Important Information About Your Medical Plans

# Retiree Meetings Scheduled for August, 2009

### Department of Administration, Office of Group Insurance

House Bill 173 was signed in to law during the 2009 session of the Idaho Legislature. This legislation changes the eligibility for access to the retiree medical plan, and defines the state's contribution to any state-sponsored health insurance plan or plans for retirees and their dependents. Beginning July 1, 2009, rates on the retiree plan will include a state paid subsidy of \$155 per retiree per month.

Any retiree who is currently covered on the retiree plan will continue to be eligible for coverage through December 31, 2009. Effective January 1, 2010 retirees and dependents age 65 and over will no longer be eligible to participate in the Retiree Medical plan. They will have to purchase a Medicare supplement plan. Those retirees and dependents under age 65, including spouses of Medicare eligible retirees no longer on the plan, will remain on the retiree medical plan until they reach age 65. All rates will include the \$155 subsidy.

**The purpose of these meetings is to inform and educate retirees who are or will soon become Medicare eligible and assist them in exploring options for their transition from the state plan.**

#### Wednesday, August 5

##### **Coeur d'Alene**

Idaho Fish & Game Office

2885 W. Kathleen

Coeur d'Alene, ID

\*across the street from Forest Service Tree Nursery

Sessions will be held at the following times:

9:00 am -10:30 am & 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

#### Thursday, August 6

##### **Boise**

Holiday Inn

3300 Vista Avenue

Boise, ID 83705

\*Parking is located near the entrance to the conference center on the south side of the hotel

Sessions will be held at the following times:

9:00 am -10:30 am & 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

#### Wednesday, August 12

##### **Lewiston**

Lewis & Clark State College

Library Telecommunications Classroom (LIB TCC)

\*Parking permits are not required. Parking is available in the adjacent lot or on the street.

Sessions will be held the following times:

9:00 am -10:30 am & 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

#### Thursday, August 13

##### **Meridian**

Idaho State Police

Building 3, Classroom A

700 S. Stratford Dr.

Meridian, ID 83642

Session will be held at the following times:

9:00 am -10:30 am & 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

#### Wednesday, August 19

##### **Twin Falls**

Dept. Health & Welfare

601 Pole Line Road

Twin Falls, ID 83301

Sessions will be held at the following times:

9:00 am -10:30 am, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm &  
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

#### Thursday, August 20

##### **McCall**

Idaho First Bank, Community Center

475 E. Deinhard Lane

McCall, ID

Session will be held at the following time:

10:00 am -11:30 am

#### Wednesday, August 26

##### **Pocatello**

Ameritel Inn

1440 Bench Rd.

Pocatello, ID

Sessions will be held at the following times:

9:00 am -10:30 am & 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

#### Thursday, August 27

##### **Idaho Falls**

Health & Welfare, Adult & Child Development Center

2475 Leslie Ave

Idaho Falls, ID

Sessions will be held at the following times:

9:00 am -10:30 am & 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

## RETIREE MEDICAL PLAN MEETINGS

We encourage your attendance at one of the meetings on the enclosed schedule. We will be discussing the issues and impact of changes in the State's Retiree Medical plans following passage of House Bill 173 during the 2009 legislative session.

A brief overview of Medicare supplement plans will also be provided, and representatives from the Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors program (SHIBA) in the Department of Insurance, Blue Cross of Idaho, Regence Blue Shield and United Health Care will be at the meetings to answer questions.

Please contact Margaret Odedo at the numbers below if you have questions regarding any of the meetings.

332-1829 in the Boise Area  
1-800-531-0597 Toll Free

This publication presents general benefit information. In the event of any conflict between the information in this publication and the Plan provisions, the Plan documents and insurance contracts will govern.

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Your State Retiree Medical Plans***

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